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SUBJ: SUGAR: SHIPMENTS TO US IN 1974

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1. ANSWERS IN SAME ORDER AS QUESTIONS REFTEL.

2. IN COOPERATION WITH US REQUIREMENTS 50,000 TONS STOCK
NORMALLY HALF FOR FIRST HALF YEAR 1974 SHIPMENT HAS ALREADY
BEEN SHIPPED AGAINST 1973 FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED, IN
CONSULTATION WITH USDA. THEREFORE NOTHING MORE NOW
AVAILABLE UNTIL SECOND HALF 1974 OUT OF NEW CROP. SHIPMENT
PROGRAM WILL DEPEND ON AVAILABILITY OF SUGAR DURING FIRST
TWO MONTHS OF PRODUCTION (JULY/AUGUST) BUT BASICALLY
PRESENT 1974 QUOTA WILL BE SHIPPED JULY-OCT. WITH AIM OF
DELIVERING AT US PORTS A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF QUOTA BY END
SEPT. IF DESIRED BY USDA.

3. NO SHORTFALL ANTICIPATED.

4. WOULD EXPECT EXTRA QUANTITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE ABOVE
INITIAL QUOTA BUT IN PRESENT EXPECTATIONS COULD NOT BE
SHIPPED BEFORE SEPTEMBER/OCT. QUANTITY NOT PREDICTABLE
AT THIS TIME SINCE NEXT NEW CROP SEVEN MONTHS AWAY.
THE 1973 CROP STILL BEING HARVESTED HAS BEEN ADVERSELY

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AFFECTED BY UNUSUAL SERIES OF HEAVY RAINS CAUSING

WIDESPREAD INTERRUPTIONS TO HARVEST AND LOSS OF SUGAR
CONTENT IN CANE.

NOTE AUSTRALIA HAS NEVER SHORTFALLED TO DATE ON QUOTA
OR REFUSED OR DECLINED SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS. IN 1973
AUSTRALIA WILL DELIVER APPROX. 65,000 SHORT TONS ABOVE
NORMAL QUOTA. THIS ADDITIONAL QUANTITY REPRESENTTS
ALMOST ONE-QUARTER OF THE TOTAL "FIRST COME FIRST SERVED"
CALLS BY USDA IN 1973.

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